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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Operations

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT :

Titling of Tracker

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1. On the occasion of transmittal of tracker film on penetration missions [] HTAUTOMAT has run upon the fact that certain tracker has not been titled though it has been numbered. This provoked an examination of all tracker, a record of which has been seen by you and by me. This record is not consistent, there being a number of cases in it where there has been no titling and a number of cases of titling.

2. I note here your explanation received by phone that originally it had been planned only to title at the head and tail of tracker with consecutive numbering of frames in-between. You stated further that some eight months after our experience began [] [] proposed to you that all back tracker be titled and future tracker be titled. In view of the then existing work load at Eastman, you felt that this could be accommodated and acceded to their request. In the press of business, this procedure fell by the wayside.

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3. The question now before us is whether to go back and title all untitled tracker or live with head and tail titling that exists as well as the question of what should be the policy on future titling of tracker.

4. In view of the fact that tracker is for the most part used in roll except where individual prints are made (and this is very little as compared to prints made by nontracker), it would seem the most practicable solution to neither require titling of past film nor to require titling (except for head and tail) in the future.

5. However, in order to provide adequate security protection, in pursuance of this memorandum HTAUTOMAT is requested to initiate procedures within its own establishment to insure that any prints made from tracker will be properly titled. HTAUTOMAT is also hereby requested to prepare a form memorandum to be transmitted with each copy of the tracker which it releases to other agencies [redacted] calling attention to the titling procedure used, namely, head and tail only, and to specify the injunction that any printing made from the tracker must be properly titled [redacted]

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